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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN-BROWN MEETING AFTER CAMP DAVID

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH MY MESSAGE (REFTEL) CONCERNING FINDING AN OPPORTUNITY AFTER CAMP DAVID FOR WEIZMAN TO GET TOGETHER WITH HAROLD BROWN, I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A DELICATE PROBLEM. THIS STEMS FROM THE TWO FACTS THAT WE TODAY STILL HAVE NOT DECIDED HOW WE WILL HANDLE THE COMPLICATED QUESTION OF MATMON C AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENVISION OUR MAKING MAJOR NEW DECISIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETINGS. I DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER WE OR THE ISRAELIS WANT THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR DECISIONS WERE

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RELATED TO WHAT WILL HAVE HAPPENED AT CAMP DAVID. ON THE OTHER HAND, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL FOR EZER TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HAROLD WHATEVER HE FELT HE DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO SAY BECAUSE OF THE INTERRUPTION IN THEIR EARLIER MEETINGS.

2. THE PROBLEM IS THAT I WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE EZER BUILD

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I DO NOT WANT TO PLAY DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS GETTING TOGETHER WITH HAROLD. I ALSO DO NOT WANT TO

CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE DRAGGING OUR FEET. AS A MATTER OF FACT, SOME EXTREMELY GOOD ANALYSIS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, AND WE WILL SOON BE IN A POSITION TO DEAL SENSIBLY WITH THE ISRAELI REQUESTS. BUT THE TIME FOR DECISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMIT WILL NOT BE GOOD.

3. COULD YOU, THEREFORE, FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY SOME OF THIS TO EZER WITH THE ADVICE THAT HE CHARACTERIZE HIS MEETING WITH HAROLD AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE INTERRUPTED DISCUSSION FROM THE LAST VISIT AND TO LIMIT EXPECTATIONS WITHOUT CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE IN ANY WAY DELIBERATELY DELAYING DECISION.

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